

THE MESSAGE

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An anti-trust baking powder company has been organized.

Mrs. George Broek of Mexico is visiting at Racine, Wisconsin.

"Grandma" Shoup, of Rush Hill, has been in very feeble health of late.

L. P. Crigler, late of Mexico, is now a permanent resident of St. Louis.

Rev. I. H. Jennings, colored, of Mexico, has filed suit for divorce from his wife.

John Walker of Mexico has accepted a position in a packing house at Omaha, Neb.

Mrs. J. G. Lakenan and daughter, Miss Ruth, of this city, entertain a house party tonight.

James McClannahan, while rowing got a "ducking" in the lake east of town last Sunday.

The MESSAGE extends special thanks to the Intelligencer management for favors this week.

The C. & A. night train west from Chicago to Kansas City has changed time, arriving in Mexico earlier.

Mr. J. A. Botts, north of Mexico, and Miss Anna Botts, of this city, are to be married next Wednesday. Congratulations.

The gymnasium walls of the Reform school at Boonville fell Tuesday and five inmates were killed, including Bookkeeper Kiser.

Interesting revival services are in progress in the Presbyterian church. Dr. E. C. Gordon is assisting the pastor. There is a deep spiritual interest.

Mr. Archie M. Parsons, editor of the Wellsville Record, has taken unto himself a wife, Miss Elta Coffey of Columbia. Accept our congratulations, Mr. Parsons.

At J. W. Bole's sale of Poland China hogs at Auxvasse last week the prices ranged from \$9.50 to \$17.00. A few pigs sold at prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$4.75.

The Mexico and Audrain Medical Association held a meeting yesterday. Drs. Mark Crawford, of Mexico, and C. H. Diven, of Benton City, read interesting papers.

Superintendent D. A. McMillan of Mexico read and interesting paper before the representatives of the affiliated schools of Missouri at their meeting in Columbia last week.

The meeting at the First M. E. church closed Sunday night. Quarterly meeting of the said church next Sunday and Monday. Dr. J. H. Poland will preach Sunday night.

The County Court this week appointed Warren B. McIntyre Justice of the Peace of Salt River township. W. P. Quisenberry deceased. We predict that Mr. McIntyre will fill the place most acceptably.

The Audrain County Medical Society held a meeting in the office of Dr. W. W. McFarlane last Saturday. Dr. E. S. Cane read an entertaining paper, others taking part along other lines. The meeting was a very profitable one.

The revival meeting at the Mexico Christian church continues with undiminished zeal. Eld. Ogle is an earnest speaker and always preaches with effect. There have been quite a number of accessions to the church.

Eugene Pollock, a young farmer, living near Palmyra, was accidentally killed in his room last Sunday. He was dressing for church, and in taking his clothes from a closet in some manner discharged a loaded shotgun. The contents entered his head and he died instantly.

James W. Foster, at Columbia, a University student from Windsor, Mo., fell thirty feet from a tree while gathering nuts last Saturday. He was with a party of friends who had gone to Brushwood Lake, near Columbia, to spend Eugene Field Day. It is thought his injuries may prove fatal.

How do you like the looks of the MESSAGE? The publication isn't as large as some papers, but we expect it to contain the milk of the news just the same, and only one dollar gets the paper for a year—worth every cent of it we warrant you. Please let us have your subscription.



BENTON CITY.

We cordially welcome you in our midst, MESSAGE, and may your future be one of prosperity and long existence.

Mrs. Vance of Bachelor took the train here Monday for Centralia on a week's visit with her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Holden, proprietor at that point.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Barre of Venice were visitors here Sunday. S. M. Barre of Venice was in town on business Monday.

Jesse Hicks left Sunday for Moberly where he has secured employment.

Miss Minnie Harrison, our most efficient primary teacher, visited in Mexico Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Ecton and daughter visited in Rush Hill Monday.

Miss Lizzie Ecton visited in Mexico last week, returning Monday morning.

Jas. Muir, of Mexico, was here Monday making delivery of some cows and calves sold to E. P. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Singleton, of Wellsville, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jones Sunday.

Squire H. L. Pledge was in town on business Monday.

Miss Bell Hilderbrand visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. A. F. Roman and Miss Grace Mullins visited Mrs. Roman's mother, Mrs. Coil, at Venice Sunday.

E. P. Johnson sold to W. E. Ha'e of Martinsburg, 14 head of two year old feeding steers at \$37.50 per head Monday.

Dr. T. H. Diven reports the community in good health generally.

Miss Ella Waddington, of Mexico, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Waddington, here the last week.

Z. T. Dillan, our courteous livery man, reports his business good the past week.

Jas. Vogt, of Wellsville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Louis Herbele Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hilderbrand visited relatives here Sunday.

John Barker, of Mexico, visited his aunt, Mrs. G. W. Wyld, Sunday.

Geo. Stevens, of Montgomery City, called on his best girl here Sunday.

The drug store of A. F. Romans and post office of this place were burglarized Saturday night. Both buildings were entered by bursting the locks on the doors. Mr. Romans reports some cigars and tobacco missing. Nothing taken from the post office. Supposed to be work of tramps.

LADDONIA.

Mrs. Dr. Vandeventer is visiting in Middleton.

Miss Aura Cannedy and Mr. George Smith were married last Thursday evening at 4 o'clock at the bride's home. They will reside in Laddonia for a while, as Mr. Smith is running a saw mill near here.

The Baptist meeting closed last Saturday evening.

Elder Shumate preached two able sermons at the M. E. church last Sunday. He left Monday for his home.

Misses Lillie and Stella Steele are quite sick with fever, but both are better at this writing.

Mr. Poor has sold his hotel to Mrs. Gateskill of Monroe County. She took possession Monday.

The Elm Bend Literary Society passes as one of the best in the county. Miss Dolly Griggsby, who teaches the school there, has charge of the literary department, and under her guidance it is sure to be a success. Next Friday evening the question for debate is, "Resolved, That secret societies are detrimental to religious societies."

Mr. and Mrs. George Ferris returned recently from Staunton, Ill. They attended the trial at Carlinville, of Mrs. Schaedlich, accused of being accessory with Otto Mathes to the murder of ex-Senator H. W. Wall, father of Mrs. Ferris.

Mr. Ralph Hanly, formerly of this place, but now of Alton, Ill., was visiting old friends here last week. One of his friends is a bright, intelligent young lady, and he spent most of his time with her, showing thereby his appreciation of good company.

We, with a host of Laddonia

friends, wish the MESSAGE great success in every particular. Some think Mexico had enough papers, but being one of the best towns in the State, it surely ought to support three papers, when other towns not half so large, have three and four.

SANTA FE.

J. D. Hanna was in Mexico on business this week.

Philip Quisenberry was in Mexico on business Friday.

Will Davis made a trip to Perry Friday.

Rev. W. C. Maggart filled his regular appointment at the M. E. church, south, in Santa Fe Sunday.

E. R. Taft, of Farber, passed through Santa Fe Saturday, en route to his home.

T. J. Powell was in Santa Fe Saturday.

Mrs. J. G. Ware was a Santa Fe visitor Saturday.

W. R. Camplin has erected a new barn.

Almost every day one may see a quail-hunter.

The southeast monroe teachers' institute will hold its third monthly meeting at Santa Fe school-house on Friday and Saturday of next week, Nov. 17th and 18th.

Prof. C. B. Hugley visited in Monroe City Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mattie Summers, of Worcester, was the guest of the Misses Dull Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. Claude Vaughn and Marvin Anderson, of Goss, were Santa Fe visitors Sunday.

Miss Annie Leach, who has been here with a millinery stock, returned to Stoutsville Monday.

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WESLEY CHAPEL.

We are having a beautiful fall, and the farmers are improving the same by cribbing their corn.

Jack and Reube Brown shipped 2 load of fat steers last Sunday. They are still feeding 104 head.

Miss Lida Gibson, of Mexico, accompanied Miss Effie Hanger to her home last Saturday.

Mrs. Arthur Lasher, of Laddonia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Quintance.

Jack Brown returned from Montgomery City last week with 50 head of stock cattle.

Miss Retta Kerr spent last Wednesday with Mrs. Wm. Smiley and Wednesday night with Miss May Brown.

Miss Bernice Dill, who has been assisting Mrs. James Poor, of Laddonia in the Southern Hotel, has returned to her home near Wesley Chapel, as Mr. Poor has traded his hotel for the farm of Thaddeus Gaitskill, 4 miles west of Perry, in Monroe county.

John Dalton sold his engine to David Gregory who will engage in sawing lumber on the farm of Mrs. Jackson at Piddletown.

John Cleaver, of Ralls county, and his brother-in-law Mr. Clapper, of Monroe county, spent the day with J. S. McCune last week.

Miss Mattie Matthews, teacher of West Lick school, spent last Friday night and Saturday with R. L. Day and family.

Jas. Poor and Mrs. Gaitskill, of Laddonia, and Mr. Little Page, passed through our vicinity last Sunday enroute to Mr. Poor's farm lately purchased from Mrs. Gaitskill.

We understand that J. S. McCune is appointed administrator of the J. S. Dickey estate.

J. L. Hixon, formerly of Audrain, but now of Johnsonville, Tenn., and Chas. Buchanan, his brother-in-law, of Kelida, Ohio, have sold their interests in the stove factory at Johnsonville. Mr. Hixon thinks he will spend the winter in Tennessee.

R. T. Harris sold to Simon Ross, of Farber, 3 head of shoats at \$3.50 per head; also to Jack and Reube Brown 40 head of shoats at \$4.00 per cwt.

Mrs. Jas. Thomas who was quite sick a few days ago, is around again.

Miss Nina Pearson left Sunday for St. Louis, where she will spend the winter with her brother, Morris.

Frank Coatsworth and wife, and Mrs. Green Clay, left Sunday for a few weeks visit to Hot Springs. J. M. Hall was in Montgomery City Tuesday on business.

The general health of the com

munity is good at present and the Doctors are taking a rest.

The Sabbath school at Wesley Chapel under the supervision of F. M. Brashears is flourishing and quite an interest manifested.

Mrs. Hattie Tate, and Mrs. John Able, of Laddonia, visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Able, last Sunday.

R. F. Harris had 2 very sick horses this week from eating corn fodder, but they survived the ordeal.

John Hanger is making some substantial improvement in the way of a new hen house.

R. L. Day harvested his honey crop last week.

MOLINO.

Kind Editor, we wish you success in your new field.

Prayer meeting at Midway yesterday morning was very well attended. The object of the meeting was to call a minister, as Rev. Stramm has resigned, but they did not come to any definite conclusion. They will have another meeting in the near future.

Wm. Wilson has gone south with a lot of horses to sell.

Prayer meeting at Mt. Zion church next Friday night, regular preaching Saturday at 11 o'clock, Sunday at 11 and Sunday night at 7 o'clock. Edgar Gibbs, pastor.

The farmers about here are done gathering apples. The crop has been comparatively small. They have also finished digging their potatoes, which are a very good yield. Gathering corn and breaking up ground for the coming spring is the order of the day.

Miss Mary Fowler, of near Centralia, is with her sister, Mrs. Glen Hall, who is suffering with something like heart trouble.

Felix Martin sold two cars of hogs to Wm. Mundy last week at \$3.75 per hundred lbs.

Mr. Emmons took a bunch of fine cattle to Monroe county last Tuesday.

The Wilkerson Bros. made their delivery of fruit trees last Wednesday, with which each purchaser was well pleased.

VANDALIA.

Believing that a few lines from this point might be acceptable to the MESSAGE editor for his first issue, I send you the following short communication. The large list of subscribers you have been promised here will be glad to know you have remembered them by providing a correspondent at the start.

Vandalia and her people are greatly pleased to know there is to be a county seat paper published which a dollar can buy for a year. All whom I have talked with are very enthusiastic over the venture, and if other parts of the county respond as readily as this, the MESSAGE is certain of success. We hope and pray for and predict success for the MESSAGE, and here's our hand.

At a recent meeting of the city council it was decided to hereafter make main street the dividing line between the First and Second wards. Mention was made of it at the time by the local papers, but aside from that nothing has been said about it. It is one of the best moves the council has made for a long time. It is hoped the people north and south of the railroad may have less trouble in the future.

Our little city was thrown into wild excitement on Tuesday on account of two men who resisted the officer who ordered their arrest on the charge of stealing chickens and turkeys. When Marshall Goodpasture went up to one of them and told him that he was his prisoner he knocked the marshal down. The other party drew his revolver on the marshal and was about to shoot him when the marshal called for assistance. John Adkins who was near by thought to save the marshal's life, drew his gun, and at this the desperado turned his gun on Adkins and fired, missing him, and instantly Adkins fired at him and shot a hole through his coat. At this the fellow with the gun shot at Adkins and fled, when John Smelser, the mayor, pursued him about a half mile with a Winchester and arrested him and brought him back, the other man being held by the crowd. Last night they were tried before the mayor and fined \$15 and \$20 respectively. The men were put in the calaboose and during the night they pried the bars off the window

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La Crosse Lumber Company.

and were about to make their escape when discovered and are now in the hands of Constable Middleton and will have a hearing before Squire Moore today.

Ed maiden, formerly of Laddonia, is very low with consumption at the home of his brother-in-law, John Cowley.

Chas. Shoup and wife, of Laddonia, were visiting Judge Kendall's family Monday.

Joe Daniels, of Mexico, is visiting his grandparents, A. B. Daniels and wife.

Rev. J. F. Canon, who has been pastor of the Baptist church here for the last eight years, has resigned.

Rev. Noah Mitchell, of Farber, preached at the Baptist church Sunday and Sunday night.

Since quail shooting has been in season many of our boys have taken to the brush looking for Bob White.

Vandalia is going to have an old fiddlers' contest on Saturday night, Nov. 18th. Prizes of different kinds will be offered. Program in next week's papers. Proceeds to go to the public library. Those who wish to enter will write Judge Kendall or Jesse Barnett.

THOMPSON.

Miss Nellie Hoyer, of Rush Hill public school, visited home folks here Sunday.

Wallace Bassford of Mexico was on our streets Sunday.

A. A. Fennett delivered a nice lot of nursery stock here Friday.

J. F. Cogswell and R. P. Finsley visited in Martinsburg Sunday.

Council Painter and wife, of Benton City, visited the family of T. D. Powell here Sunday.

Gant and Hoyle shipped one car of hogs Tuesday to Columbia and one in here Sunday.

Dr. O. B. Mayes was in Centralia on professional business Monday.

J. B. Paul is remodeling his dwelling on which is known as the Haley place.

T. J. Daniel and Jno. Moore, the hustling real estate agents of Liberty, Mo., returned home Friday after being here a week on a real estate deal.

The vacant lots between McDonald's store and Elliott Bros' shop are being arranged for hitch racks which have been badly needed for some time.

Henry Gour was in Columbia Tuesday.

Mrs. E. B. Lytle of Maryville, Mo., is visiting the family of T. J. Hoyer.

J. M. Domel has added a new room to his residence.

E. F. Elliott and wife are visiting in Hallsville, Mo.

B. B. Crockett has leased his saw mill to Coleman and Hoyer and will start for Montana the last of this week.

Mrs. Ben Franklin and daughter, of Mexico, visited friends here Sunday.

J. B. Paul has purchased a handsome new surry.

Mrs. Jno. Wills, of Centralia,

is visiting at Dr. Mayes.

Isaac Reed's 8 year old son is very low with membranous croup.

Probably more residences will go up in the spring. There has been more improving and building here the last 6 months than in any village of the size we know of.

PRAIRIE LEA.

Mike Quinlan has some of the finest specimens of hogs of any man in the State.

Wm. Black is completing a new barn, which adds much to the appearance of his farm.

Foxes are becoming numerous in this locality.

Charlie Schoeneman has a new corn crib and cattle shed combined, the most complete thing you ever saw in its line.

E. H. Schroeder will have a public sale of his personal property next Friday.

B. F. Wood organized a Modern Woodmen lodge at Worcester last Saturday night.

Town of Exiles.

Chicago Tribune: Manitou, Colo., boasts of the fact that 75 per cent of its population are exiles from their homes, who have found in Manitou health and strength. Its high altitude, its ozone, its persistent sunshine, and its mineral waters are its proudest possessions. Among its adopted children are people from almost every state and territory and from nearly every civilized country in the world.

We have been compelled to refuse job work this week on account of delay occasioned by our inability to secure printers. We hope to soon be able to claim our share of such patronage, however.

For fear some may get a wrong impression we will say that the ads, which appear this week were not given away. They were contracted for by firms who know how and where to advertise. We hope to add a number of other representative firms to our list of advertisers.

The negro miners had a second uprising at Bevier last Saturday and a request was made of Prof. W. W. Clendenin at Macon for the guns of the Blees Military Academy to quell them, but the Professor couldn't help as his guns had no cartridges in them. The disturbance had its way for a time. David Gamble's residence was riddled with bullets and the family had to lie on the floor to escape the fusillade. O. L. Trolard's house was also attacked in a similar manner and several others had to evacuate their homes.

The third annual meeting of the Missouri branch of the order of the King's Daughters is in session in Mexico. The meetings are held at the M. E. church, south. The delegates were welcomed to Mexico in a pleasing and most touching address by Mrs. F. P. Van Ness. Mrs. C. R. Springer, of St. Louis, responded in a few well chosen words. Mrs. B. F. Oresar, of Mexico, offered greetings from the local W. C. T. U. The reports from the different circles show changes for the better over the work in previous years. This organization has the management of the proposed erection of the Old Ladies' Home.



"Starters" in Cheesemaking.

Prof. Campbell, before the Highland (Scotland) Agricultural Society, said: 1. First-class Cheddar cheese can be made by using pure cultures of a lactic organism. 2. This organism abounds in all samples of sour milk and sour whey. 3. The system recommended for the preparation of a home-made starter is one which exerts a purifying influence upon the bacterial content of the starter, and results in the elimination of bacteria which are unnecessary if not harmful to the production of a first-class material. 4. The use of a whey starter is attended with results equal in every way to those obtained from a milk starter. Of these results by far the most important is that which shows that a home-made starter, if carefully prepared, comes after a few days to be practically a pure culture of the bacteria desired.

Preparation of a Home-Made Starter.—In order to prepare a home-made starter the dairyman has to secure two enameled pails provided with covers. In the one he pours fresh skimmed milk, and then sets it in a fairly warm place, so that in about twenty-four hours the milk will be both sour and thick. When this has occurred he skims off the surface, breaks up half a pint. This he adds to skim milk which has previously been scalded from 155 to 160 deg. F., and subsequently cooled to about 65 or 70 degs. On the following morning this should also be sour and thick, or the temperature of setting has been too low. Again the surface is skimmed, half a pint extracted as before, which in turn is added to a third quantity of scalded milk. The temperature at which the second and all succeeding starters are made up must be determined by each worker for himself; it will depend upon the temperature of the room where the pail is kept during the night. On the third day the starter produced in this way, if of a creamy consistence, may be used for making the cheese—a portion, however, being retained to prepare a starter for the following day.

This process may be repeated day after day, and if performed in a careful and cleanly manner it will go on throughout the season yielding good results. As already explained, the operation is one which in a very few days eliminates undesirable bacteria.

Migratory Weeds.

Injurious migratory weeds are usually first introduced into cities and spread from them to the farms, says a contributor to Rural World. There are a dozen chances for the original introduction of a weed in cities to one upon the farm. Fine-leaved nemophila, first appeared about cities in the south, and is now spreading to the grazing lands and cotton fields. The Canada thistle in its progress across the continent has been distributed by railways, first to the cities. Prickly lettuce has usually been first observed in cities and towns in its remarkably rapid spread over the country. The Russian thistle was first introduced into the United States on a farm, but being taken to the cities, it now most frequently spreads from them to the farms. In many instances these introduced species could have been easily destroyed upon their first appearance in the cities and towns, and millions of dollars' damage to the farmers thus averted.

Good and Poor Cider.—Cider made from windfalls and green apples, which contain a much less proportion of sugar than ripe apples, is consequently the poorest, being sour and watery. Where the apples are green but well matured, the quality of the cider made from them will be found vastly improved by the simple process of throwing them in small piles in the orchard and allowing them to ripen. When a first-class cider is desired it is necessary to select the fruit. If you have been in the habit of throwing in half-matured, partially rotten and all sorts of fruit, try by way of experiment a press full of well-matured, solid apples, free from dirt. Filter through a clean muslin cloth, and the result will be a surprise.

Winter Habit of Milking.—Sometimes it is difficult to get mature cows to form the winter milking habit, but heifers can be bred the first time at the right period to bring them into profit in autumn. Thus with them the winter dairying habit will be started right and then it will be easy to keep it, so says Galen Wilson, in Practical Farmer. Many growers of hothouse lambs, which must drop lambs in late autumn or early winter, are adopting this method successfully. It is more difficult to change the breeding habit in ewes when once formed, than in cows.

Patronize Good Stallions.—It may be truthfully said that there is a scarcity of good stallions in many parts of this country, because good horses are not patronized by those who should use them. Owners of good sires have become discouraged because they were not profitable. It is safe to say those who did not use them lost the most money. There is little excuse for not patronizing first class stallions now. Their service fee is very low, within the reach of every farmer who has a brood mare.—Michigan Farmer.